

### **Amendments to the Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A composition comprising water, approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine and at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid wherein:

the composition has a pH of about 3.5 to about 4.1; and

the composition is prepared by a process comprising at least 10% of the ascorbic acid is present in a concentrated ascorbic acid solution prepared according to the method comprising the steps of:

(a) dissolving about 10% to about 50% of the ascorbic acid in water at a temperature of between about 60°C to about 90°C to provide an aqueous ascorbic acid solution of at least 20% (w/v); and

(b) cooling the aqueous ascorbic acid solution to below about 40°C to provide said concentrated ascorbic acid solution; and

(c) combining the aqueous ascorbic acid solution with water, glucosamine, and ascorbic acid to provide a composition comprising water, approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine and at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid; and

(d) wherein adjusting the pH of the composition is adjusted to about 3.5 to about 4.1.

26. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 25, wherein the composition has a pH of about 3.8 to about 4.0 and the pH is adjusted to about 3.8 to about 4.0 in step (d) is made by the method comprising the steps of:

a) admixing the concentrated ascorbic acid solution and the glucosamine, and  
b) adjusting the pH of the mixture to a pH of about 3.8 to about 4.0.

27. (Currently amended) A method for treating rosacea or acne, the method comprising topically applying to the skin of a human afflicted with rosacea or acne an effective amount of the composition of claim 25 ~~a composition comprising water, approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine and at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid, wherein at least 10% of the ascorbic acid is present in a concentrated ascorbic acid solution prepared according to the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~dissolving ascorbic acid in water at a temperature of between about 60°C to about 90°C to provide an aqueous ascorbic acid solution of at least 20% (w/v); and~~

~~cooling the aqueous ascorbic solution to below about 40°C to provide said concentrated ascorbic acid solution; and~~

~~wherein the pH of the composition is adjusted to about 3.5 to about 4.1.~~